



THE STRANGE TALES OF OSCAR ZAHN

# STARDUST & SOLILOQUIES

ACT 2  
CHAPTER 10

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# ETHICS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

MOODY

MOODY, WHERE  
TECHNOLOGY

ARE YOU??

**YOU GOT A HECK  
OF A LOTTA EXPLAINING  
TO DO!**



GOOD LORD, MS. GREY!  
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ALL  
THIS COMMOTION!









YOU GOT SOME BRASS  
“S”HQ, ASKING ME TO CALM  
DOWN AFTER THE S”S”  
YOU JUST PULLED!

LANGUAGE  
PLEASE!



WHAT IN THE WORLD  
ARE YOU RANTING ABOUT  
YOUNG LADY?



OH YOU MEAN  
YOU DONT KNOW  
ABOUT THIS???

ACCELED

FUNDING FOR  
THE D.C.S.E.'S BEEN  
**CUT!** WE'RE DEAD  
IN THE WATER!





OH... THAT...

YES, THAT!

MY PROJECT IS  
AT A CRITICAL STAGE  
RIGHT NOW. IF YOU  
PULL MY FUNDING, YOU'RE  
GOING TO FLUSH THREE YEARS  
OF RESEARCH DOWN  
THE DRAIN!

YES... THREE YEARS IS HOW LONG  
THE COLLEGE AGREED TO BACK  
YOUR PROJECT, AND THAT AGREEMENT  
EXPIRED LAST YEAR!

I WASN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THIS DECISION, BUT THE BOARD  
COULD NO LONGER JUSTIFY THE EXPENDITURE  
ON A PROJECT THAT HAS CLEARLY  
STALLED.







WHAT EXPENDITURE?  
YOU'VE ALREADY PULLED  
EVERYBODY OFF MY  
TEAM. I'M WORKING  
ALONE!

SCALE BACK MY  
SALARY THEN. I JUST  
NEED ENOUGH TO KEEP  
THE LIGHTS ON. DON'T  
DO THIS, MOODY!

THE PURPOSE OF  
THE D.C.S.E WAS TO  
CONFIRM THE LONG THEORIZED  
EXISTENCE OF A NON-TERRESTRIAL  
ENERGY SIGNAL, "GREY  
MATTER".

NAMED AFTER YOUR  
DEARLY DEPARTED FATHER,  
JAMES GREY.





EARL JAMES  
GREY.

TELL ME, NORA,  
AFTER FOUR YEARS, HAVE  
WE UNCOVERED ANY EVIDENCE  
THAT EVEN SUGGESTS THAT  
"GREY MATTER" IS REAL?

YES.

WELL...

NO. IT'S  
COMPLICATED.





I'VE BUILT  
A SPECTROMETER  
WHICH WILL DETECT  
GREY MATTER BUT  
UH...

... I DON'T  
KNOW WHERE TO  
POINT IT.

SO YOU'VE BUILT A  
CONTRAPTION THAT WILL  
DETECT SOMETHING THAT WE  
DON'T EVEN KNOW EXISTS BUT  
YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT  
IF YOU COULD FIND SOME GREY  
MATTER YOU WILL BE ABLE  
TO DETECT IT.

NORA: YOU MUST

REALIZE HOW ABSURD  
THIS ALL SOUNDS.

AS YOUR MENTOR...  
AND FRIEND, I URGE YOU  
GIVE UP ON THIS OBSESSION.  
THE UNIVERSITY COULD USE  
A TEACHER LIKE YOU.

I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE.  
YOUNG, BRILLIANT MINDS LIKE YOURS,  
THROWING AWAY THE BEST YEARS OF

THEIR LIVES TRYING TO CHASE AN  
UNPROVEN THEORY THAT WILL SURELY  
CHANGE THE WORLD.

THAT'S NOT SCIENCE,  
NORA. IT'S HUBRIS!

PERHAPS YOU NEED A BREAK  
FROM THIS. TAKE SOME TIME FOR  
YOURSELF, MAYBE EVEN MEET  
A NICE YOUNG MAN...

MEET-





DO YOU THINK ALL  
MY PROBLEMS WILL BE  
SOLVED IF ONLY I HAD  
A BOYFRIEND???

FINE! SHUT DOWN  
THE DAMN DEPARTMENT,  
MOODY! THAT'S NOT GONNA  
STOP ME!





YOU HAVEN'T HEARD  
THE LAST OF NORR  
GREY!



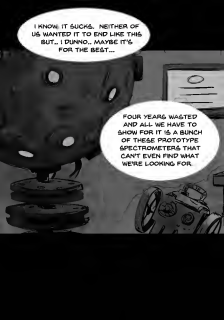


— WELL, I GUESS IT'S  
NOT THAT BIG OF A

SURPRISE.

Department of  
Crypic Science and  
Engineering

THEY COULDN'T EVEN  
SPELL THE DEPARTMENT'S  
NAME RIGHT...



I KNOW IT SUCKS. NEITHER OF  
US WANTED IT TO END LIKE THIS  
BUT.. I DUNNO.. MAYBE IT'S  
FOR THE BEST...

FOUR YEARS WASTED  
AND ALL WE HAVE TO  
SHOW FOR IT IS A BUNCH  
OF THESE PROTOTYPE  
SPECTROMETERS THAT  
CAN'T EVEN FIND WHAT  
WE'RE LOOKING FOR.



EVERYBODY, EVEN PROFESSOR  
MOODY, THINKS I'M JUST WASTING  
MY LIFE.

MAYBE THEY'RE RIGHT. I  
CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHY  
WE STARTED DOING THIS.

THIS WAS DAD'S  
DUMB DREAM, NOT  
MINE.

I GUESS I JUST WANTED  
TO PROVE HIM WRONG. SHOW  
HIM THAT I COULD DO WHAT  
HE COULDN'T.

NOBODY EVER  
BELIEVED IN  
ME...



... NOBODY BUT YOU,  
REYNARD.



EXCUSE ME MISS. IS  
THIS THE DEPARTMENT OF  
CRYPTIC SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING?

ARE YOU PERCHANCE

MISS NORA GREY?

YES.

WHO THE HELL  
ARE YOU?







MY NAME IS  
OSCAR ZAHN.

TO BE CONTINUED...

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

DUN DUN DUN!! WHO'S THIS DAPPER FELLOW? IS HE  
TRULY OSCAR ZAHN?

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WELCOME BACK GUYS! SORRY ABOUT

THE CONFUSION LAST WEEK ABOUT WHETHER  
THERE WOULD BE A COMIC FOR THIS WEEK. TO CLARIFY,  
I WILL BE TAKING A BREAK AFTER NEXT WEEK'S COMIC,  
SO THERE WON'T BE A COMIC FOR THE 21ST AND  
28TH OF JUNE.

BIG THANKS TO CHRISTINE FOR THE LAST MINUTE  
COLOR ASSIST. IF YOU DON'T KNOW, SHE HAS A  
COMIC CALLED BROKE NINJAS. CHECK IT OUT, IT'S  
GREAT!

ALSO, A BIG THANK YOU TO NEW PATREON SUPPORTER,  
MURPHYNOTON. REALLY APPRECIATED, DUDE!

K, THAT'S IT FOR THIS WEEK. BE SURE TO COME  
BACK NEXT WEEK FOR EVEN MORE REVELATIONS!

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